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### **PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

#### **MASON "ARMED CAREER CRIMINAL" SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS ON FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGES**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE** -- United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Mason Police Chief Barry Hutchins, and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Resident Agent in Charge Clifford Ellston announced that Kevin **BOULAIS**, 51, of Mason, New Hampshire was sentenced today on federal weapons charges.

On July 28, 2003, BOULAIS, a previously convicted felon, entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. to an information charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to a Criminal Complaint on the charge issued by the U.S. District Court, state and local police officers seized a 10 gauge shotgun from BOULAIS' home on August 8, 2002. As a convicted felon, BOULAIS is prohibited from possessing firearms. As a felon with three or more felonies related to crimes of violence or drug trafficking, BOULAIS was sentenced under the federal Armed Career Criminal Act.

At today's sentencing, Judge DiClerico imposed a sentence of 100 months (8 years, 4 months) imprisonment followed by a 5-year period of supervised release during which BOULAS' behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted felons is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we expand the implementation of Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

The prosecution against BOULAIS, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Mason, N.H. Police Department and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.